Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information asked for in clause (b) of the question ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I understand the hon. Member to ask whether the Government will call for information as to whether vernacular copies of the rules have ceased to be published in the district gazette. I have no objection to call for the information."

Survey.

Town surveyors in municipalities.

*17 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what arrangements have been made by the Government to supervise the work of the town surveyors in municipalities consequent on the abolition of the posts of land records inspecting officers ?

A.—Provision will be made in the Budget for 1925–26 for officers to perform these as well as other necessary duties connected with maintenance of survey.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Dindigul Municipal Council.

*18 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the strong public feeling against the action of the Government in withdrawing the right of electing its chairman from the Dindigul Municipal Council ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to reconsider the matter and, if not, why not ?

A.—(a) The Government are aware that in certain quarters there is a certain amount of feeling against the withdrawal of the elective privilege.

(b) The Government will be prepared to restore the elective privilege to the Council as soon as they are satisfied that its affairs are put in order.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether anything has happened since the answer to the question was drafted ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Nothing has happened."

The proposal of the Salem Municipal Council for the construction of a park.

*19 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal now by the Salem Municipal Council to acquire the houses of the depressed classes who are living at Mulluvadi municipal area for the purpose of making a park ;

(b) whether it is a fact that no arrangements were made to provide the depressed classes with houses on sanitary principle within the municipal area in a suitable locality together with school, latrines, water, play-ground and other facilities before actually evicting the depressed classes ;